INFUSING GENDER DIVERSITY IN THE BOARDROOMS: A STUDY OF LISTED BANKS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Corporate Governance systems characterizing the manner in which corporate are overseen and controlled have flourished comprehensively. One of the territories of spotlight is ladies portrayal on the Board as a stage towards better administration and making a proper dynamic to challenge bunch thinking with an eye towards improving investor esteem. It's a momentous abnormality that with ladies speaking to half of most geographic populace gatherings, they are under-spoken to in the meeting rooms of their countries. Gender assorted variety in the Board is progressively being considered as a facilitator for better basic leadership because of chiefs having a various scope of encounters and foundations. This calls for continuously higher ladies portrayal on the corporate Boards. Nonetheless, this attractive boost has not showed itself with just couple of ladies holding the board positions. Mixing sexual orientation assorted variety in corporate meeting rooms is a standout amongst the best methods for guaranteeing sheets really include esteem. The level of directorships held by ladies stays well under 20 percent comprehensively, a surprisingly low dimension, taking into the account that ladies contain 40 percent of the worldwide workforce. Open doors for Board participation for ladies are developing. Ladies need to comprehend the procedure, desires, advantages and need to have faith in themselves and be certain that they can accomplish Board position. This ought to be of worry to all organizations since sexual orientation equality is ethically right, yet past the sex numbers amusement, it is about the wealth of the board all in all, the consolidated commitment of a gathering of individuals with various abilities and viewpoints, various encounters, foundations and ways of life and who together are increasingly ready to consider issues in an adjusted, all encompassing way. With regards to the necessity of the Companies Act, 2013, under corporate administration standards, SEBI commanded in April 2014 that every single recorded organization in India delegate in any event one lady chief on their board. This paper looks at the purpose to which recorded Banks in India have reacted to the new legitimate arrangement, and furthermore how would they contrast and the top International Banks with respect to ladies portrayal on the Board.

Keywords: Gender Diversity, Female Directors, Companies Act 2013, Banks, Ladies Contribution.

Introduction

Over the world, the extent of ladies chiefs on the Board of organizations is little. To improve the extent of ladies chief, Governments and the Regulators have taken various activities from the fuse of compulsory laws to compel the organizations to enhance their sheets or have given suggestions as great corporate administration standards to induce the business substances of the significance and the need of sexual orientation broadening. Sheets that are increasingly assorted in sexual orientation and foundation will be better situated to think diversely and speak to more extensive choice of interests of individuals and the more extensive society. Undertaking an exhibition assessment and abilities review may help a Company to improve its Board piece. The people who make up a Board can impact the heading, basic leadership and culture of a Company and are furnished with the duty of setting and completing key needs. It is subsequently significant that Board individuals have a decent comprehension of their jobs and duties as it will affect Board execution. Sexual orientation and ethnicity, notwithstanding decent

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variety in age, understanding, training and even topography, are issues of impressive significance to the organization and for the financial specialists when all is said in done as a result of the effect they have on returns in the long haul. More noteworthy decent variety implies more prominent assortment in considering, in ways to deal with difficulties and in proposed answers for those difficulties. Decent variety positions organizations for long haul development and esteem. The vast majority of the organizations perceive the significance of selecting executives of various ages and with various types of instructive foundation and utilitarian mastery, however they will in general think little of the advantages of sexual orientation decent variety. This enactment by the Indian Government is a decent begin for enabling ladies in the corporate world. There are a few of skilled ladies around who can increase the value of the Boards, with this compulsory necessity these meriting ladies will get an opportunity to demonstrate their effectiveness and organizations will begin seeing the value of ladies executives.

Historical Background

A popular belief is that traditionally women were expected to play roles of a nurturer and homemaker as per norms of society. However, few are aware of the fact that there was actually a decline in women's status from the ancient times to the medieval times. As evidenced by the ancient scriptures. in the Vedic period, the women enjoyed a privileged position in society and were recognized for their individuality and character. Because of their empathetic nature and capacity to connect with other members of society, they were recognized by scholars as being integral part of society and made responsible to enhance inter-personal relationships. As the concept of families grew in society, due to these inherent strengths, they were designated such roles as acting as binding force and glue between people and eventually familial relations. Scriptures being immortalization of the views of our ancient scholars, they brilliantly captured these traits and eventually became symbols of a women's character. While the verses capture the traits, the fact that women were not subservient to any person including a man was somehow lost in translation. An excellent example is these famous words from the ancient text of Manu smriti such as "Na StreeSwatantryamarhati". It has often been cited as an example of the scriptures' anti- woman attitude and has been debated on by many scholars. The literal translation is "Woman is not fit to be independent" and this has led many people to interpret that the scriptures deem a woman as one who does not deserve independence. We need to understand that every scripture is to be read in the right context bearing in mind the author's mind frame and the timeframe that it was written.

Also, the people fail to recognize the prestige and positionthat the women were portrayed in these same scriptures. The history stands testament of the high order and honour that women enjoyed in society. Women have held positions of power including that of monarchs and leaders. In fact, Manu himself paid a great tribute to women by saying that "where women are honoured, divinity blossoms there; and where they are dishonoured, any sacred rites/ actions performed become futile/unfruitful." He has even referred to woman as "queen" to her father/mother/spouse/child/other relations and strongly indicates of position of privilege bestowed on the women in the texts. However, probably, adulteration of the original text by vested interests or improper interpretations and inadequate understanding of the ancient texts have possibly resulted in distorted view and perception of women's position in society and their inability to be independent and therefore take independent decisions and actions. These subsequently became the grounds for an excellent case to demonstrate the need for protectors for the women which landed resolutely in hands of men. All of this has led to the women's identity being somehow diluted in her protectors or her "men" to be specific. Her individuality got lost in the process including her ability to take decisions for her own self and her future.

Literature Review

Universal research on ladies on corporate sheets fundamentally centres around recognizing the obstructions to ladies' achievement of board positions. As per these examinations, separation, generalizations, "old young men's system", ladies' decisions of vocation, family responsibilities and different elements have been distinguished to impact ladies' advancement on sheets (Adair, 1999; Burke, 1994b; Fondas, 2000; Levin &Mattis, 2006; Pajo, McGregor, and Cleland, 1997; Richard, 1999; Singh &Vinnicombe, 2004; Still, 2006). International research on ladies in corporate administration show that despite the fact that the quantity of ladies in the work power constantly expanded, there has been insignificant or no expansion in the extent of ladies in Board positions (Francis, 2007; Gammie, Matson, and Duncan, 2007; Heilman, 1997; Lahtinen& Wilson, 1994) The enthusiasm for the sexual orientation decent variety of sheets has expanded as of late to some degree because of some proof from industry thinks about exhibiting a positive connection between ladies in authority positions and corporate execution. Credit Suisse's investigation (2014) for instance, demonstrates that somewhere in the range of

2012 and 2014, substantial organizations (more noteworthy than USD 10 billion in market capitalization) with in any event one lady on the board beat other vast organizations by 5 rate focuses on a part unbiased premise. Scholastic research in the board and social brain research has long demonstrated that bunches with increasingly various arrangement would in general be progressively inventive and settled on better choices. Page, Scott (2007) and Hong, Lu and Page, Scott (2004). A key subject in the writing is that ladies speak to an asset that is still extraordinarily underutilized. Their essence at the top administrative and official positions not just presents advantages, for example, higher business upper hand, yet additionally results in better quality choices and subsequently the better money related execution of the organizations. Ladies' expanded portrayal on the corporate sheets can result in increasingly imaginative and inventive board consultations and better choices (Fondas, 2000). Meetings with ladies CEOs in an investigation of the meeting room elements by Huse and Solberg (2006) uncovered that ladies are more dedicated to their board duties than their male associates Literature demonstrates that the nearness of ladies on sheets improves corporate administration as well as changes the meeting room condition (Huse& Solberg, 2006; Rosener, 2005). Ladies chiefs met by Huse and Solberg (2006) showed that ladies had the option to make a decent climate in the meeting room which encouraged transparency among the board individuals. Ladies are additionally considered to listen more, to pose more inquiries and to see issues and arrangements uniquely in contrast to their male partners. Various investigations in the corporate administration writing uncover that sexual orientation assorted variety on the sheets is decidedly identified with the company's presentation and esteem. Carter et al. (2003) in an investigation of board assorted variety contends that general board decent variety (counting sexual orientation assorted variety) creates progressively successful critical thinking. As indicated by them, while heterogeneity may at first produce more clash in the basic leadership process, the assortment of viewpoints that develop prompt chiefs to assess more options and all the more cautiously to investigate the outcomes of these options According to number of scientists, ladies' lower portrayal on corporate board might be just a demonstration of separation because of their token status on the top administration and board positions. Kanter (1977) contends that the issues looked by ladies in the associations are not the result of their sexual orientation in essence. These issues are made because of the uncommonness of ladies in the male-commanded associations and any gathering (men or ladies) in the extraordinary minority will endure outcomes like the encounters of ladies in male-ruled positions. Then again, reprimanding Kanter's sexually unbiased hypothesis Zimmer (1988) and Ciancanelli et al. (1990) guarantee that negative male conduct in the working environment apparently is increasingly spurred by the ideas of female mediocrity as opposed to shortage; According to analysts, ladies' lower portrayal on the sheets is additionally affected by their vocation decisions. Research demonstrates that most ladies involve lower level employments and staff positions that have lower special prospects (Hyland &Marcellino, 2002; Levin and Mattis, 2006). A huge number of studies uncover that the lower number of ladies board enrollments are related with the negative view of CEOs and different administrators of organizations. In an investigation of the Canadian corporate sheets, Burke (1994b) analyzed the perspectives on male CEOs of those partnerships that had at any rate one lady board part. The discoveries of this examination demonstrated that around half of the CEOs trusted that there were insufficient ladies qualified for board administration. The examination additionally demonstrated that an extensive number of CEOs trusted that having ladies on their sheets had no effect on their board or organization execution. The greater part of the respondents (57.7%) showed that ladies board individuals are there just to concentrate on female representative issues. The reason most generally credited by the current CEOs and executives for the poor portrayal of ladies at corporate dimension is that normally organization experts don't have the foggiest idea where to search for qualified ladies. Subsequently, casual systems are viewed as accommodating to find qualified ladies which thus limit the pool of potential female applicants just to ladies in the casual systems of a specific gathering of individuals (Burke, 1994; Sheridan and Milgate, 2003). Recommendations or specifically knowing other board individuals are the two significant variables that may assist ladies with enhancing their perceivability and get selected to the sheets. In another examination, Shilton et al. (1996) talked with four ladies who held different directorships on the sheets of Crown and corporate organizations in New Zealand. These ladies executives recommended that to enable ladies to advance into directorship, notwithstanding the obtaining of business experience and a longing to turn into a chief, ladies should be dynamic in requesting contacts, systems and offices to help increment their perceivability for their first board arrangements. Concentrates uncover that official dimension experience is a significant determination standard for corporate board enrollments (Bryant, 1998). Thusly, ladies' headway to official dimension

jobs is needy upon the organization's accomplishment in presenting potential ladies to challenges that will in the end set them up for key basic leadership jobs and official dimension duties. Such formative open doors may include duties regarding benefit and misfortune, income creation and general administration jobs. As indicated by the pipeline hypothesis, ladies' nonattendance from the top dimensions of the executives is a characteristic result of them not having been in administrative positions sufficiently long for the regular vocation movement to occur. Forbes et al. (1988) anticipate that the quantity of ladies in official suites will increment over the long haul and as ladies advancement to top administration positions. Then again, Heilman (1997) contends that the clarification given by the pipeline hypothesis to ladies' absence of portrayal at the top is inadmissible. Heilman (1997) includes that such clarifications are deficient, on the grounds that, in spite of the fact that the quantity of ladies in center and lower the board has ceaselessly expanded, couple of ladies have progressed to the official suites. Along these lines, the pipeline hypothesis alone may not give an intensive clarification to the lower portrayal of ladies on corporate sheets. There is a frequently made suspicion that ladies' absence of portrayal at the top is because of their absence of inspiration or drive for such positions (Heilman, 1997; Lamsa&Sintonen, 2001; Miner, 1977; Sheridan).

Females Representation on Board – International Perspective

In the lion's share of nations around the globe, ladies comprise a bleak minority on the top managerial staff because of the numerous male centric generalizations they face. Article 11 of the United Nations Convention on Elimination of all types of Discrimination against Women, of which India is a signatory, expresses that nations must take out oppression ladies in the field of work Concerns keep on mounting about the moderate advancement of ladies' participation on Fortune 500 sheets of executives (Dalton and Dalton, 2010). While there have been various research learns about the hugeness of having ladies on corporate sheets (e.g., Wang and Coffey, 1992; Daily, Certo, and Dalton, 1999; Campbell and Vera, 2008), ladies remain incredibly underrepresented. In spite of the fact that ladies contain around half of the populace, just around 15 percent of corporate board individuals on huge American firms are ladies (The Economist, 2011). A worldwide audit in 2011 by Jhunjhunwala (2012) uncovered that female portrayal on corporate sheets of the main 25 nations ran from 36 percent in Norway to eight percent in the Czech Republic. Ladies portrayal on corporate sheets in the United States was the fifth most astounding (16 percent), following Norway (36 percent), Sweden (27 percent), Finland (25 percent), and France (19 percent) (Jhunjhunwala, 2012). A report by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in 2008 in the United Kingdom recommended that at the present rate of progress, it will take over 70 years to accomplish sexual orientation adjusted meeting rooms in the UK's biggest 100 organizations (Sweeney, 2011). In 2011, the UK had 14 percent ladies portrayal on corporate sheets (Jhunjhunwala, 2012). The level of directorships held by females stays well under 20 percent internationally, a surprisingly low dimension, taking into account that involvement is 40 percent of the worldwide workforce. A gander at the quantity of female board seats uncovers a much all the more calming dissimilarity: ladies head sheets in just four percent of created advertise organizations and three percent of developing business sector organizations. An ongoing examination from 2020 Women on Boards discovered 55% of organizations that tumbled off the Fortune 1000 record had one or zero ladies on their sheets. The Organization for Economic Development as of late overhauled its Principles of Corporate Governance to incorporate, out of the blue, a reference to executive assorted variety. Board assorted variety holds the guarantee of unmistakable advantages, including further market information, better basic leadership, decreased hazard profile, brand improvements and expanded financial specialist premium. What's more, diminishing the sex uniqueness in the meeting room to more readily mirror the piece of the world's expert workforce is, just, the proper activity. As more organizations come to get this, it will be those that don't that chance falling behind. In Deloitte's examination of almost 7,000 organizations in 60 nations, ladies held 15% of all board situates universally in 2017, up from 12% of board situates in 2015. While the worldwide number of board seats held by ladies has just expanded 3% in two years, the level of ladies on sheets climbed about 5% in both Canada (to 20.5%) and the UK (to 20.3%). Companies with a lady seat had almost double the quantity of ladies on sheets than those with men seats. Organizations around the globe are adopting an assortment of strategies to address the absence of ladies on corporate sheets. Singh, Vinnicombe and Terjesen (2007) thought about the procedures for ladies progressing onto corporate sheets in the United States of America, Scandinavia and the United Kingdom. The USA was depicted as taking a "liberal" approach (e.g., Catalyst's ordinary registration of Fortune 500 nations), which is fairly detached to the extent that it doesn't effectively elevate a purposeful exertion to change. Conversely, in 2003, Norway's administration embraced a standard framework, which was portrayed by Singh et al. (2007), as a "coercive" approach; and The United Kingdom grasped an "agreement"

approach. The last included connecting with the partners and urging them to cooperate in inventive approaches to make force (Singh et al., 2007). It is intriguing to take note of that various European governments including Spain and the Netherlands have joined Norway, and chose that amounts are the best alternative (Clark, 2010). Different nations, for example, Australia and Malaysia have likewise chosen to present shares (Jhunjhunwala, 2012). While North America still can't seem to stick to this same pattern, in Canada, the government as of late declared the foundation of a warning chamber to review the under-portrayal of ladies on corporate sheets, which remains at 10.3 percent (Ottawa Citizen, 2013). organizations could assume a bigger job in expanding the support of ladies on corporate sheets of executives. For instance, the US government could subsidize preparing and improvement for these ladies. Also, colleges and schools could incorporate into their educational modules the significance of ladies taking part on corporate sheets, just as instruction and preparing for ladies to be increasingly effective in verifying these positions.

Female Directors - Legal Framework in India

Article 15 of the Constitution of India, 1950, not just precludes separation on the ground of sex yet in addition empowers the State to make exceptional arrangements for women. The business world has for since quite a while ago experienced disparity in sexual orientation portrayal at the work place. Notwithstanding, in the advanced period the status of ladies is evolving. The Government of India has engendered numerous laws for the strengthening of ladies. One such progressive activity taken by the Government is the arrangement of at any rate one lady chief in certain class of organizations' directorate under the land mark enactment The Companies Act 2013. The second stipulation to segment 149 (1) of the demonstration makes it compulsory for each recorded organization to select at any rate one Woman executive. Each and every other open organization having paid up offer capital of Rs. 100 crores or more or turnover of Rs. 300 crore or more as on the last date of most recent reviewed fiscal reports, is additionally required to select at any rate one lady chief. SEBI vide its round dated seventeenth April, 2014 has made it obligatory for all the recorded organizations to select at any rate one Woman Director on their Board of Directors in arrangement with the necessity of Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013, under corporate administration standards. This enactment by the Indian Government is a decent begin for enabling ladies in the corporate world. There are a few fit ladies around who can enhance the sheets, with this obligatory necessity these meriting ladies will get an opportunity to demonstrate their courage and organizations will begin seeing the value of ladies chiefs. As on 26 January, out of 1,723 NSE recorded organizations, 1,667 organizations had met the order of one lady chief ready, as per information from Prime Database. Out of this, 425 organizations have ladies from advertiser gathering or family. Information demonstrated that 285 organizations had more than one lady ready while 56 organizations did not have one lady executive. Numerous organizations drafted a lady part from their advertiser families to the board to meet the prerequisite of law. In October 2017, a Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) board prescribed incorporation of in any event one "autonomous" female chief at all recorded organizations. The portion framework for ladies portrayal on the sheets in India experiences three noteworthy lacks. In the first place, given that India has the third most astounding number of openly recorded family claimed organizations, there is a high rate of tokenism where female relatives have been designated as executives. While there is no official information with respect to the equivalent since these figures are not required to be accounted for by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, a few reports propose that such tokenism is drilled by roughly 12% of the recorded organizations. Second, the absence of strategies that enlarge the ability pool and the nonappearance of measures to hold ladies at larger amounts of the corporate structure imply that there is a grave absence of top-level ladies supervisors. Subsequently, most organizations have attempted to discover adequately qualified ladies to name. The official figures exhibited by the Minister of Corporate Affairs demonstrate that about 21% of the organizations have not delegated a lady executive. Therefore, India still positions in the last ten nations on the planet, with ladies holding just 17% of the senior administration positions in organizations. Third, this quantity neglects to meet the required "minimum amount". "Minimum amount" is usually comprehended as a number or rate that speaks to a significant minority rather than a couple of "tokens" on the board.

Banking Industry in India

In India 20 Public area and 18 Private part banks are recorded on BSE. The possession in the financial division remained transcendently in the open part notwithstanding a slow decrease in their offer as of late. Open area banks (PSBs) represented 72.1% of the complete financial part resources.

Notwithstanding, as far as benefits, the offer of private banks outperformed that of PSBs. In FY15, PSBs had an offer of 42.1% in general benefits. With the possibility to turn into the fifth biggest financial industry on the planet by 2020 and third biggest by 2025 as per KPMG-CII report, India's banking and money related part is extending quickly. The Indian Banking industry is as of now worth Rs. 81 trillion (US \$ 1.31 trillion) The Indian economy is on the very edge of a noteworthy change, with a few strategy activities set to be actualized in a matter of seconds. Positive business opinions, improved buyer certainty and increasingly controlled expansion are probably going to prop-up the nation's the monetary development. Upgraded spending on framework, rapid execution of undertakings and continuation of changes are relied upon to give further catalyst to development. Every one of these variables propose that India's financial segment is likewise balanced for vigorous development as the quickly developing business would swing to banks for their credit needs. Additionally, the progressions in innovation have brought the portable and web banking administrations to the fore. The financial part is laying more prominent accentuation on giving improved administrations to their customers and furthermore redesigning their innovation foundation, so as to upgrade the client's general involvement just as give banks a focused edge. The level of ladies representatives in Banks in India is 24% which is among the most astounding proportions in female to male workforce in any industry. This is because of the work culture in banks being fit to female hopefuls, pay and livens, banking experts are seen at a higher platform than the various average workers particularly female bank representatives, and the development prospects that banks offer to female representatives.

Objective of Study

The examination has led to evaluation and dissection of the portrayal of female executives on Board of Directors of recorded Indian Banking organizations in light of the lawful command of Companies Act, 2013 that each recorded organization must have in any event one lady on the board.

Methodology

With the end goal of study, the rundown of all the general population and private part banks recorded on (BSE), was drawn. There are 20 open segment and 18 private part banks which are recorded in India. The subtleties of the top managerial staff of these 38 banks were gotten to from the sites of the chose banks and the subtleties of top 10 Banks of the world by market capitalization were gotten to from the sites of the separate banks. The data was inspected and examined to decide the number and extent of complete number of chiefs and female executives among them. The outcomes were additionally broke down to examine whether variety in females portrayal on the Board of recorded Public area and Private division banks in India, and top 10 Indian and top 10 banks of the world (by market capitalization) is measurably critical.

Analysis and Findings

The consequences of the examination and the discoveries identifying with ladies portrayal on the Board radiating from the investigation of information relating to ladies executives on the sheets of Indian Banks recorded on BSE, and top10 Indian banks, and top 10 banks(by market capitalization) of the world are abridged thus underneath:

| Private Sector Banks | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Name of the Banks | Total no of Directors | Chairman/MD M/F | No of Female Directors | No of Male Directors | | | |
| HDFC Bank | 10 | М | 1 | 9 | | | |
| Kotak Mahindra | 8 | M | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Vyasa | 10 | М | 1 | 9 | | | |
| ICICI Bank | 13 | M | 3 | 10 | | | |
| Axis Bank | 14 | M | 2 | 12 | | | |
| IndusInd Bank | 9 | М | 2 | 7 | | | |
| Bandhan Bank | 12 | М | 0 | 12 | | | |
| RBL Bank | 8 | М | 0 | 8 | | | |
| IDFC Bank | 13 | М | 3 | 10 | | | |
| Yes Bank | 9 | М | 1 | 8 | | | |
| City union | 10 | М | 1 | 9 | | | |
| DCB Bank | 12 | М | 1 | 11 | | | |
| JK Bank | 11 | М | 1 | 10 | | | |

Table 1: Women Directors In Indian Banks listed on BSE

| Federal Bank | 7 | М | 2 | 5 | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|----|--|--|--|--|
| Karnataka Bank | 9 | M | 1 | 8 | | | | |
| DhanLaxmi bank | 10 | F | 3 | 7 | | | | |
| South Indian Bank | 9 | M | 1 | 8 | | | | |
| Laxmi Vilas Bank | 10 | М | 1 | 9 | | | | |
| Public Sector Banks | | | | | | | | |
| State Bank of India 14 F 2 12 | | | | | | | | |
| Punjab National Bank | 9 | M | 1 | 8 | | | | |
| Canara Bank | 8 | M | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| Bank of Baroda | 10 | М | 2 | 8 | | | | |
| IDBI Bank | 11 | M | 1 | 12 | | | | |
| Bank of India | 10 | M | 3 | 7 | | | | |
| Indian Bank | 10 | F | 1 | 9 | | | | |
| Central Bank of India | 10 | M | 1 | 9 | | | | |
| Union Bank of India | 13 | M | 1 | 12 | | | | |
| Allahabad Bank | 10 | M | 0 | 10 | | | | |
| UCO Bank | 7 | M | 0 | 7 | | | | |
| Andhra Bank | 8 | M | 1 | 7 | | | | |
| Bank of Maharashtra | 7 | M | 1 | 6 | | | | |
| Dena Bank | 7 | M | 0 | 7 | | | | |
| Syndicate Bank | 10 | M | 1 | 9 | | | | |
| Vijaya Bank | 9 | M | 0 | 9 | | | | |
| Oriental Bank of Commerce | 10 | M | 1 | 9 | | | | |
| United Bank | 7 | M | 0 | 7 | | | | |
| Corporation Bank | 6 | M | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| Indian Overseas Bank | 9 | M | 1 | 8 | | | | |

Source: Compiled data from BSE and respective banks digital platform

Table 2

| Banks | Indian Lis | sted Banks | Indian Listed private sector banks | | Indian Sector Public sector banks | |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Directors | No. of banks | Percentage | No. of Banks | Percentage | No. of banks | Percentage |
| 0 Female Director | 7 | 18 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 25 |
| 1 Female Director | 21 | 55 | 10 | 55 | 11 | 55 |
| 2 Female Director | 6 | 17 | 3 | 17 | 3 | 15 |
| 3 Female Director | 4 | 10 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 5 |
| Total | 38 | 100 | 18 | 100 | 20 | 100 |

- It is observed from Table 2 that 85% of the listed banks in India have complied with the legal requirement of having at least one women Director on the Board. Two banks in private sector bank and five banks in public sector are yet non compliant with the stipulated legal mandate. However, 21 banks (55%) have just one women Director, whereas 6 banks have 2 women Directors, and 4 banks have 3 Women Directors on their Board. Thus 4/5th of the listed banks have only tended to merely comply with legal provisions by inducting just one Women Director on the Board.
- It is seen that 89% of the private division banks in India has atleast 1 female executive on their Board while 75% of the open segment banks in India additionally has atleast 1 female chief on their Board.
- However, (20%) of Public area banks have at least two Women Directors when contrasted with 34% of the private part banks who have at least two Women Directors.
- Only 2 open area banks have a Women Chairman and/or Managing Director as against just 1
 private segment bank has a Women Chairman and/or Managing Director.

Table 3

| Indian Public Banks | Indian Private Banks | Percentage of Female Director | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 5 | 2 | 0-5% | | |
| 6 | 8 | 6-10% | | |
| 5 | 4 | 11-15 % | | |
| 2 | 1 | 16- 20% | | |
| 2 | 3 | 21- 25% | | |

It is seen from Table 3 that females portrayal on Board is up to 15% in approx 80% of the recorded open segment banks, and 83% in the event of recorded private area banks in India. 5 (out of 21) banks in open area and 4 (out of 18) banks in private part each have female portrayal on Board in abundance of 15%. The normal of ladies Directors in Public Sector recorded banks in India is 10.93% and in private part recorded banks in India is 9.78%. It ought to anyway be found with regards to the different size(s) of the Board of different recorded open and private segment banks as the law commands arrangement of least one ladies Director on the Board of certain class of organizations independent of the complete number of Directors on the Board. In like manner an organization having 3 (least required according to law) or might be 15 Directors on its Board need to choose just ladies Director to agree the lawful arrangements.

Difference between Private Vs Public Sector Banks

| | Sum of Squares | DF | Mean Square | F.Value | P. value |
|----------------|----------------|----|-------------|---------|----------|
| Between Groups | 465.50 | 1 | 465.5 | 4.11 | 0.00 |
| Within Groups | 145.47 | 36 | 4.04 | | |
| Total | 610.97 | 37 | | | |

It is observed from this that the value of p is less than 0.05 thus there is significant difference between the means of the female directors on the Board of listed Public and Private banks in India.

So as to endeavour to improve the portrayal of ladies on the Board the accompanying legends should be dissipated:

- Women don't have the correct initiative style. As indicated by an investigation by Cranfield University, when ladies are delegated onto FTSE 100 sheets, they are bound to be selected to ensuing directorships and to hold different directorships (15% contrasted and 11% held by men).
- Women lack right involvement. Numerous male CEOs much of the time chalk up ladies' nonappearance from loads up to an absence of general administration experience, and such a large number of them not being in the pipeline sufficiently long. Female executives, then again, state there aren't more ladies on sheets because of male stereotyping.
- Women don't go out on a limb. Indeed, ladies are more probable than men to be designated
 onto corporate sheets in unstable conditions (Ryan and Haslam, 2005). There is likewise proof
 to recommend that ladies who seek after a profession way prompting directorship are less
 hazard unwilling than "run of the mill" ladies (Adams, 2014).

Challenges and Opportunities

The fundamental requirement for naming ladies executives is to guarantee assorted variety on the board however it is a work in advancement. It has been seen that the individuals who did not have a differing board will initially search for ladies to just fill the post and in this way rout the purpose of the arrangement. Because of the due date endorsed under the Act, all things considered, a few organizations will just hope to guarantee consistence of the rules. Likewise, there is a generally excellent possibility that organizations might do lip-administration to this necessity in the underlying years, particularly on account of the absence of accessibility of qualified ability. The Companies Act, 2013, says that at any rate 33% of the chiefs on board of each open recorded organization must be autonomous executives. At present the lady chief on the Board need not be an Independent Director. It has been seen by SEBI that to fulfil the standard for selecting a Woman Director, many rumoured organizations have depended on the act of designating the life partners of the advertisers as chiefs. Due to there being no obligatory least capability recommended for chiefs, it was an advantageous awaken to hold fast to enactment yet not roll out the required improvement in their administration. To dishearten such a methodology, SEBI has by correction

to SEBI (LODR) Regulations of ninth May, 2018 stipulated that that the Woman Director will need to essentially be an Independent Director. The corrected SEBI (LODR) Regulations require the main 500 recorded organizations (in view of Market top of the past money related year) to have in any event one Independent Woman Director with impact from April 1, 2019 and top 1000 recorded organizations to have at any rate one Independent Woman Director with impact from April 1, 2020. These prerequisites will make a genuine deficiency of fundamental ability.

Conclusion

It appears to be evident that the constrained heterogeneity of sheets has bothered the traditional request of corporate board administration frameworks, disengaging the profound established chains of command of intensity and benefit in key market-based foundations. At the end of the day, having more ladies changes the elements of a board and its administration. Also, it is time when load up pioneers and organizations must resolve to guarantee that their loads up are genuinely assorted, moving intentionally from homogeneity to heterogeneity. The expanded perceivability of ladies at the senior dimension plays a reactant work with these ladies saw as good examples and social change operators that help engage ladies at all dimensions. It is discovered that moral and expert sheets which are likewise various are a solid marker of a well-run organization. Indeed, even organizations must advance arrangement of more than one lady ready and not simply confine on selecting one lady as executive for better assorted variety in all cases. Likewise ladies wannabes must procure the required abilities and perceivability to make board administration a reality for them. Organizations ought to have a pool of ladies with huge business experience who have accomplished senior dimension positions in the two tasks and general administration which will assist them with appointing lady chiefs among that skilled pool. The 2013 milestone order has cleared route for sexual orientation decent variety and more ladies cooperation. India has seen a huge increment in lady executives in most recent few years yet considerable advances must be taken to accomplish the destinations of arrangements of Companies Act, 2013 out of a genuine soul. This guideline is just an underlying push, however the real execution would rely upon the wholehearted acknowledgment of the job of ladies chiefs by Indian organizations and investors all in all. This ought not be viewed as consistence, yet a need.

Improving Ladies Portrayal on the Boards of Listed banks

- Infusing gender biased orientation variety in corporate meeting rooms is a standout amongst the
 best methods for guaranteeing sheets really include esteem. Organizations looking for genuine
 assorted variety should look past the generally little inward hover of recognizable corporate
 meeting room appearances to discover similarly qualified people who can offer new points of
 view.
- Bank officials in India must address sexual orientation dissimilarity in the meeting room as a
 business imperative. There is a more extensive need to perceive that "oblivious inclination"
 regularly exists in meeting room gatherings. This requires an adjustment in attitude and
 acknowledgment of ladies Director as a facilitative asset for dynamic improvement in
 hierarchical esteem.
- Banks need to create and execute preparing modules for ladies at key indicates in their profession movement groom them for Board positions.
- Nomination and Remuneration Committee ought to guarantee that the Board choice procedure is non-oppressive/gender impartial and ought to effectively investigate the choices of accepting continuously more ladies in the Board
- Women need to develop information and abilities required for Board position, be receptive, and assemble facilitative system. It is extremely intriguing to be a piece of the organization basic leadership. It is justified, despite all the trouble.
- Have an online nearness. Use sites like LinkedIn to associate and system with others in your field.
- Have a board CV. Not the same as your vocation resume or CV, a board CV offers a short synopsis of aptitudes and encounters significant to the board.
- Opportunities for Board enrolment for ladies are developing. Ladies need to comprehend the procedure, desires, advantages and need to have confidence in themselves and be certain that

they can accomplish Board position. It is likewise obvious that not every single proficient female are keen on achieving board enrolment. It is sensible to accept this is as valid for men concerning ladies. In any case, while for certain ladies the choice not to look for board-level positions is connected to their very own objectives throughout everyday life, for other people, this choice has more to do with impression of the conceivable effect that taking up such a job would have.

- Mentoring and coaching for ladies could be valuable in helping them to make dynamic progress to the Board. The procedure will take some time, however it to a great extent relies upon individual inspiration. At the point when ladies are prepared, "their exhibition will represent them". Likewise it is additionally prescribed that training be additionally offered to men as key to board-level positions should concentrate on what they can do to help move more ladies into corporate Board.
- Changing an organization's load up structure requires some serious energy. It can take quite a
 while of deliberate endeavours before a board's organization looks apparently changed. This
 expects organizations to remain focused on their sex assorted variety endeavours.

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